

VII. And be it further enacted, That the said William Kilty, before he proceeds to execute the powers vested in him by this law, shall give bond before the orphans court of Prince-George's county, with two good and sufficient securities, to be approved of by the said court, in such sum, not less than five thousand pounds current money, as the said orphans court shall direct, conditioned for the faithful exercise of the powers, and performance of the duties, vested in and required of him by this law.

C H A P. XLII. And to give bond.

VIII. And be it enacted, That the said William Kilty, for defraying all expences of the sales of the said estates, and for his trouble in conducting them, be allowed such sum as the orphans court of Prince-George's county shall think reasonable, not exceeding two per cent.

His allowance.

C H A P. XLIII.

A Further supplement to an act, entitled, An act to prohibit bringing slaves into this state.

Passed December 25.

WHEREAS doubts may arise, whether persons who come from another state to reside in this state may bring their slaves into this state, before such persons have actually resided one year in this state;

Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the passing this act it shall and may be lawful for any citizen of the United States, who shall come into this state with a bona fide intention of settling therein, to import or bring into this state, at the time of his or her removal into this state, or within one year thereafter, any slave or slaves, the property of such citizen at the time of his or her said removal, which slave or slaves shall have been resident of the United States, or any one of them, three whole years next preceding such removal, and the same to retain as slaves.

Persons may import their slaves, &c.

III. Provided nevertheless, and be it enacted, That nothing in this act shall be construed to enable any person, so removing as aforesaid, to sell or dispose of any slave or slaves imported by virtue of this act, or their increase, to any citizen of this state, unless such person shall have resided within this state three whole years next preceding such sale, except in cases of disposition by last will and testament, and disposition by law, consequent upon intestacy; and provided also, that nothing herein contained shall be taken or construed in any manner to affect any claim which any negro or negroes so imported may have to freedom, from any other cause than being brought into this state agreeably to the provisions of this act.

Proviso.

C H A P. XLIV.

An ACT to enable the vestry of Saint-Paul's parish, in Baltimore county, to purchase one or more parcels of ground for the purposes therein mentioned.

Passed December 25.

WHEREAS the vestry of Saint-Paul's parish, in Baltimore county, by their petition to this general assembly, have set forth, that the congregation of the protestant episcopal church in the said county is at this time so numerous, that the present church in Baltimore-town is not sufficient to accommodate the different families belonging to the same with pews, by reason whereof a very large number of the members of the said church, both in the said town and county, cannot conveniently resort to the same, and that they are desirous to build one or more churches for the performance of divine worship in the said county, in such convenient place or places as will best suit the said congregation, and to have a burial ground to each of them, and also a lot of ground adjoining one of them for a parsonage-house, and for that purpose to purchase one or more pieces of ground, not exceeding three acres in the whole, for the uses and purposes aforesaid, and to take one or more deed or deeds to the said vestry, and their successors, for ever; therefore,

Preamble.

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the vestry of Saint-Paul's parish, in Baltimore county, are hereby enabled to purchase one or more

Vestry may purchase, & more